

NEWS

Fire destroys welding business

A Grayling welding shop was totally destroyed by a fire last week.

The fire started at 4 Mile Welding, located at 5422 W. 4 Mile Road, around 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Lon Gauthier, who has owned 4 Mile Welding for six years, was repairing a leak on a heat exchanger for an old snowmobile. He had just finished working on another snowmobile when the fire ignited.

"They caught on fire in a flash while I was still welding," Gauthier said.

Gauthier and apprentice Bill Chase were able to escape the building unharmed. Pg. 8

SPORTS

Vikings outscore Hornets 75-29 in last 3 periods, win by 40



The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball squad continued its early season trend of slow start, strong finish on Tuesday at Harrison, outscoring the Hornets 75-29 in the final three quarters of an 88-48 victory.

The Vikings outscored East Jordan 56-29 in the last three quarters of a 72-44 league win on Dec. 17. Grayling trailed early in its season opener at Roscommon, a contest Grayling eventually won 80-42. The Vikings defeated Benzie Central by six, 78-72, after trailing in that game as well.

"We had a number of kids contribute at both ends of the court tonight. I was pleased with the fact that we forced Harrison into 43 turnovers with our defensive pressure. I also liked the way we shared the ball on offense," Coach Rich Moffit said. Pg. 10

Varsity girls move to 3-2 with 40-point victory at Harrison



The Grayling Vikings moved to 3-2 overall with a 66-26 victory vs. the Harrison Hornets in a nonconference varsity girls basketball contest played at Harrison last Tuesday.

Grayling led by 22 at half-time, 39-17. The Vikings had a 54-26 advantage after three periods. Grayling outscored the Hornets 12-0 in the final eight minutes to win by 40. Pg. 11

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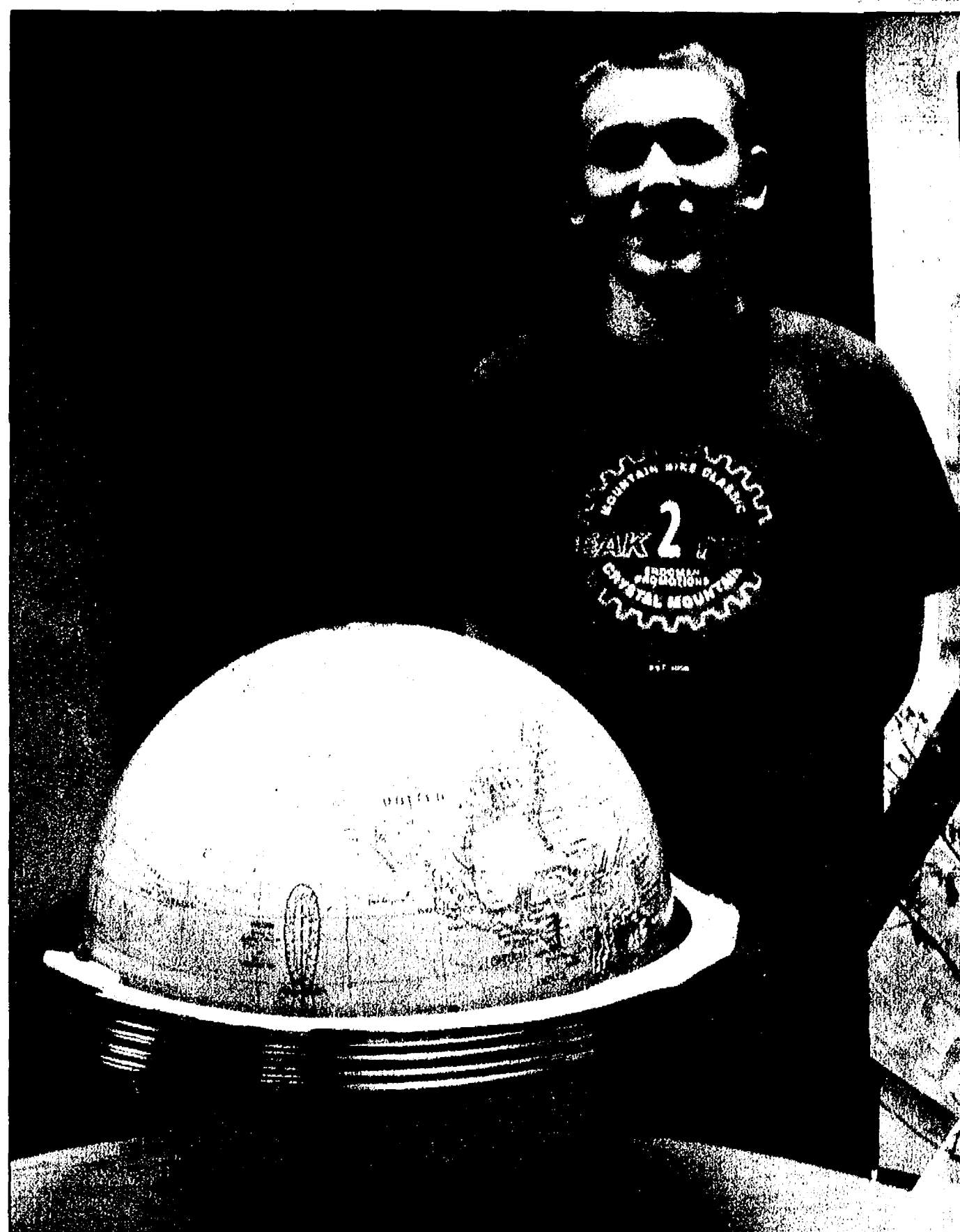


Photo by Dan Sanderson

The finals for the National Geographic Society's geography bee were held at the Grayling Middle Schools on Dec. 12. Carson Burmeister, the son of Lisa and Judge Monte J. Burmeister, finished first in the competition. Above, Burmeister is pictured with a globe in a Social Studies class taught by Craig Hoffman.

8th grader wins GMS geography bee

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School heated up for some worldwide action earlier this month with its annual geography bee.

The finals for the National Geographic Society competition were held at the Grayling Middle

School on Dec. 12.

The competition started out with preliminary rounds held for each sixth, seventh and eighth grade classroom, said Social Studies Teacher Craig Hoffman.

Each student had the opportunity to answer seven geography-based questions. Since most stu-

dents answered six out of the seven questions correctly, a playoff was held for each grade level.

Finalists for the competition included sixth graders Paige Millikin, Conner Beard and Sierra Stout; Seventh graders Fred Shippy, Ashley Branch and

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ANTIQUE PIANO DONATED TO SUPPORT AUSABLE ARTISAN VILLAGE PROJECT

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A 130-year-old grand piano has been donated to Grayling's AuSable Artisan Village Project to tune up fund-raising efforts.

Ernie Dawson, the owner of Flowers by Josie and Thanks a Latte, donated a Weber square grand piano to the AuSable Artisan Village Project. The piano will be auctioned off on an on-line website.

Dawson obtained the piano a dozen years ago. It was stored in a heated garage in Fairview.

The piano was originally placed in the Alpena Music House in 1889 and was used for entertainment there for a number of years.

"That's where it first started out," Dawson said.

Eventually, the piano was removed, which ultimately saved it from a fire that destroyed the music house.

"It was saved just because it had been sold and moved to another location," Dawson said.

The piano was a fixture at Flowers by Josie during special events.

"We had it in the shop for all of those years and many times it was played for Christmas Walks and special concerts that we had here," Dawson said.

Two years ago, Dawson had the piano moved to the Apollo's Lyre Art Gallery for use during art receptions and other events. The gallery recently closed and was forced to relocate since the owner of the building

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Ernie Dawson, the owner of Flowers of Josie and Thanks a Latte, donated a Weber square grand piano, to the AuSable Artisan Village Project. The piano will be auctioned off on an on-line website. Above, Dawson is pictured with the piano, which is on display at Citizens Bank in Grayling.

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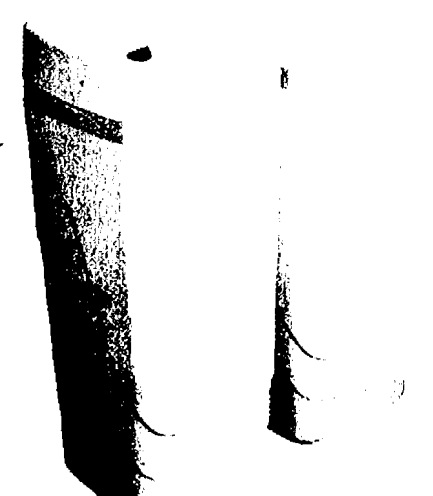
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County building addition dedication held



Photo by Dan Sanderson

All decorated for the holidays, Crawford County officials held a formal dedication for the \$1.2 million courthouse addition and renovation project on Wednesday, Dec. 15. The project was completed to bring the building up to code with the Americans With Disabilities Act. A cake, replicating the courthouse building, was served at the ceremony. Marilyn Alma, proprietor of Marilyn's Amazing Cakes based in Frederic, made the cake. Above, County Commissioner-Elect Linda Munsey, who along with the incumbent county commissioners took her oath of office to serve on the county board effective Jan. 1 at the dedication, and Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore cut and served the cake.

8th grader wins GMS geography bee

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Jeremy Garcia; Eighth graders Josey Hinkle, Dan Quisler, Carson Burmeister and Kyle Pratt.

Hoffman said that this year's competition was more stringent. In the past, the initial competition rounds were based on general questions, moved to different continents and then to questions the students had to know. The format this year included a mix of general questions and questions about the continents and then onto the toughest questions.

"The kids did a good job and they put out a lot of effort," Hoffman said.

Burmeister, Quisler and Millikin moved onto the final competition. Pratt was unable to make it to the final match.

Burmeister, the son of Lisa and Judge Monte J.

Burmeister, finished first, followed by Quisler and Millikin.

"That was pretty unique that we had a sixth grader in the finals," said Hoffman of Paige Millikin. "She has two more years to try to win this and get to finals again."

Burmeister earned \$25, a medal and a National Geographic Society participation certificate. Quisler received \$15 and a participation certificate. And Millikin earned \$10 and a participation certificate.

Hoffman said the geography bee backs up the lessons taught at Grayling Middle School over the years and is part of the current curriculum.

"I think it's good for the kids and it shows the importance of geography," Hoffman said. "They go through a lot of geography in sixth and seventh grades, so it kind of backs that up to show why we teach it in their earlier years at the middle school."

Students received extra credit point for the questions that they answered correctly.

Burmeister will take a test after the winter break, which will be submitted, to the National Geographic Society to determine if he will go on to state and national finals.

Burmeister said it was gratifying to win the competition.

"It was tough - definitely - getting through the three rounds and I had a couple 'guesstimates' based on what I knew and I guessed off of that and happened to get lucky on a couple of questions," he said.

Burmeister said he learned even more about geography when he was sitting in the shadows and not under the spotlight to answer questions.

"I definitely learned more and things about the world based off of questions that either I got or other participants got," he said.

Antique piano donated to support AuSable Artisan Village Project

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plans on launching a new business venture there.

Although Dawson would love to have the piano back, he simply does not have the room due to the space that Thanks A Latte has taken up in the flower and gift shop.

"It is my contribution to the art guild that I'm just so thrilled to have here in Grayling," Dawson said.

Michael Stinnett, founder, director of sales and historical archives for The Antique Piano Shop, Inc., said his business has restored several Weber square grand pianos over the years and they are some of the most well made square pianos the business has seen come through his shop.

When the pianos have a total, frame-off professional restoration, which includes being re-velveted and restrung, they sell in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range, Stinnett said. Restoration costs are generally around \$13,500.

Sadly, the pianos only sell for a fraction of their potential value when they

are not restored, Stinnett said. In original, unrestored condition, they tend to sell for \$2,500 to \$3,500 on average.

Dawson said the piano has more value as a northern Michigan landmark musical instrument.

"This hasn't had all that work done on it," he said. "Whoever gets it will not only have a wonderful piece of history as well as a wonderful antique."

Grayling artist Terry Dickinson, president of the AuSable Artisan Village Project, said the value of the piano will be proven based on success of the project in the coming months. Funds generated from the sale of the piano have not been earmarked, and will go into the AuSable Artisan Village Project's general fund budget.

"It's a very generous donation on Ernie's part," Dickinson said. "Once we get it sold - the value of it will be a great benefit with the art project moving forward."

The piano is on display at Citizens Bank in Grayling.

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The Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival Committee sponsored its annual Crawford, Ogemaw Oscoda, Roscommon (COOR) Kids Christmas Party on Dec. 17 at its fire training grounds. Above, a student visits with Santa. Below, Linda Goodale of Grayling helps decorate a cookie for a student. The cookies for the party were donated by Goodale's Bakery.



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This year, Crawford County United Way is encouraging everyone to "check off" for the United Way Fund on Michigan tax returns.

Tax form 4642 will allow people to donate all or just a few dollars of their 2010 Michigan tax return to the United Way Fund, a fund created to help Michigan's needy families with their most basic needs. The fund helps provide food, clothing and shelter for Michigan's low to moderate income families.

Given today's economic

conditions and high unemployment in Michigan, more families are at risk than ever before and the need for assistance has never been greater. The Michigan Association of United Ways worked with the Michigan Legislature to create a quick and easy way to donate resources that help ease the burden for many Michigan families.

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KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE now offering classes in Grayling!

Officials at Kirtland Community College recently announced seven courses to be offered at a new site in Grayling.

Kirtland will be offering classes at the AuSable River Park Nature Center at 100 S. James St. in Grayling, the former site of the public library, as part of the AuSable Artisan Village initiative.

Registration for the winter 2011 semester for all four Kirtland locations - the main campus near Roscommon and the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord, as well as the Grayling and West Branch sites is slated for 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 5-6, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7. The winter semester officially begins Saturday, Jan. 8.



When registering, all classes to be held in Grayling will have a "G" immediately after the course number to designate the location.

CHECK IT OUT!

Courses at the Grayling site for the 2011 winter semester include:

- **English 100** - Writing Lab, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursdays;
- **English 103** - English Composition I, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays;
- **Computer Information Systems 105** - Intro to Computers, 6 to 9 p.m., Mondays;
- **Math 073** - Basic Algebra, 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays and Wednesdays;
- **Math 074** - Basic Algebra Lab, 9 to 10 a.m., Mondays;
- **Accounting 125** - Accounting with Quickbooks, noon to 2 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays; and
- **Business 101** - Intro to Business, 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays (hybrid).

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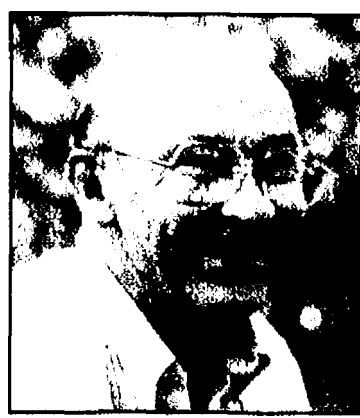
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Issues and Opinions

Almanack

by Richard Milliman

2011 poses complex but interesting problems



A NEW YEAR dawns, and here are a few public questions which should make 2011 a most interesting developmental year in Michigan.

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RICK SNYDER — As Michigan's new chief executive faces Michigan's mountain of problems, how he handles the job will be one of the top stories in Michigan for 2011.

Mr. Snyder is a political newcomer and a virtual outsider to state government, with no natural base of public or political support, except for the majority of Michigan voters who elected him, and the business sector, which spawned him.

Being a boss in private life is much different than in state government. The same tactics do not necessarily work in both arenas and the sooner Gov. Snyder learns this lesson, the sooner he will be effective in his new role.

His faith in the business

world to produce the jobs vital to Michigan's economic health seems complete. He wants to throw out present business taxes and install a corporate profits tax, which in years past has been anathema to most Republicans, and still come out with an overall cut in business taxes. If business tax yields are reduced, from where will money come to continue essential public state services?

Mr. Snyder also wants to scrutinize closely state programs, and to bring public payrolls in line with private payrolls, which probably means lower public pay levels. Some public jobs and public services are not comparable in the private sector, so what's going to go and what's going to stay, and at what levels?

Mr. Snyder avidly sought the job as governor, even spending some \$6 million from his own bank account to help pay for privilege.

Watching his transition

from private enterprise mogul to — hopefully — an effective, responsible and responsive head of a public government will be one of the most interesting spectacles of the year.

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THE LEGISLATURE — How the new Michigan legislature comes together will be another challenge for Michiganders to watch.

In recent years, a majority in both parties in the legislature have chosen partisanship as their guiding light in how the system works.

In the new year, both house and senate — as well as the governor's office — controlled by Republicans. On the drawing board, that should produce harmony and concord throughout the capitol ... but don't bet on it.

Each member of the house and senate is an individual, regardless of party. Each feels he/she was sent to Lansing by the people of their districts to do certain

things, regardless of party. Most legislators also either picture themselves as governor, or deep down think they could do a better job as governor than whoever actually holds the job.

Republicans may control, but the question is what kind of Republicans, who seem to come in increasing shades of social and political dedication.

Gov. Snyder already has exhibited a strong non-partisan bent in his campaign and in his comments and some early appointments, and not all Republican legislators consider him a "real Republican" whatever that may mean.

The fact remains that any new law must be adopted by at least a majority of members of each chamber, and approved by the governor; to go into effect immediately, each new law must have a two-thirds majority.

How this legislative-executive relationship unfolds will be a most important key

to what happens in Michigan in 2011.

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APPORTIONMENT — The 2010 national census reveals that Michigan is the only state to experience actual population loss during the last 10 years. Now the federal congress, the state legislature, and most other publicly-elected bodies must be apportioned anew to reflect changing populations.

Representative districts of all sorts must reflect relatively even population.

The legislature has the task of figuring this out for the state's representatives in Congress — Michigan will go down from 15 to 14 members.

There will still be 110 state house and 38 state senate districts, which must be made to represent equal population as nearly as possible.

Much wheeling and dealing about district lines will guide this process, and if

past practice holds again this time, the Republican controlled legislature will come up with plans that do not please Democratic leaders, who will appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court which likely will pass final judgment.

Apportionment passes down to the county level, too, where county commissions elected by districts face the same requirements of equal populations. The same is true of city councils or other local governing boards selected by districts.

Apportionment by itself is a complicated subject, and the partisan aspects which are almost always inevitable, will make redistricting a fascinating process to watch.

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Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Tips that could save your life out on the ice

Sheriff Wakefield says to make sure ice is safe before playing on Michigan's newly frozen waterways.

Winter has arrived all across Michigan and our thousands of lakes and streams are freezing over, tempting residents to enjoy winter sports like skating, snowmobiling and ice fishing. However, it can take up to two weeks of below freezing temperatures for ice to form that's thick enough to support you. Ice must be five inches thick to hold the weight of a person and eight inches for snowmobiles and off-road vehicles. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office

reminds you to use caution before engaging in on-ice activities and if you find yourself on thin ice, remembering the following tips could save your life.

If you hear the ice crack, have your group spread out. Everyone should immediately lie down to distribute the weight on the ice more evenly, then crawl on the bellies to safer ice.

If someone falls through the ice, do not run to the hole. Call 911 and then use a pole, branch, rope or other long object to try and reach the victim.

If you fall through the ice, stay calm. Call out for help and kick your feet

while getting hands and arms up onto safer ice. Ice picks or screwdrivers can help you get a grip on the ice. Continue to swim up onto the ice to safety.

Pets that go out on the ice are a major cause for many near drownings and deaths. If your pets has wandered onto dangerous ice, do not follow them. Stay where you are and coax them back to safety.

The biggest danger is hypothermia. If you fall through the ice and manage to climb out you need to seek medical assistance quickly. Wet clothing should be replaced immediately with warm, dry blankets, towels or clothes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be

published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

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Briefs

Church to host guest speaker

The Lovells Community Chapel, 8133 Bald Hill Rd., Lovells, will have a guest speaker on Jan. 2 and 9. Everyone is welcome to hear Rev. Sam Smith at the 11 a.m. Sunday morning service.

Blood drive to be held

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 12 p.m. - 5:45 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 5, at the American Legion, 106 James St., Grayling.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Tax cut to boost take-home pay

The Internal Revenue Service released instructions to help employers implement the 2011 cut in payroll taxes, along with new income-tax withholding tables that employers will use during 2011.

Millions of workers will see their take-home pay rise during 2011 because the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 provides a two percent point payroll tax cut for employees, reducing their Social Security tax withholding rate from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent of wages paid. This reduced Social Security withholding will have no effect on the employee's future Social Security benefits.

The new law also maintains the income-tax rates that have been in effect in recent years.

Employers should start using the new withholding tables and reducing the amount of Social Security tax withheld as soon as possible in 2011 but not later than Jan. 31, 2011.

Notice 1036 contains the percentage method income tax withholding tables, the lower Social Security withholding rate, and related information that most employers need to implement these changes. Publication 15, (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide, containing the extensive wage bracket tables that some employers use, will be avail-

able on IRS.gov in a few days.

The IRS recognizes that the late enactment of these changes makes it difficult for many employers to quickly update their withholding systems. For that reason, the agency asks employers to adjust their payroll systems as soon as possible, but not later than Jan. 31, 2011.

For any Social Security tax over withheld during January, employers should make an offsetting adjustment in workers' pay as soon as possible but not later than March 31, 2011.

Employers and payroll companies will handle the withholding changes, so workers typically won't need to take any additional action, such as filling out a new W-4 withholding form.

The IRS urges workers to review their withholding every year and, if necessary, fill out a new W-4 and give it to their employer. For example, individuals and couples with multiple jobs, people who are having children, getting married, getting divorced or buying a home, and those who typically wind up with a balance due or large refund at the end of the year may want to consider submitting revised W-4 forms. Publication 919, How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?, provides more information to workers on making changes to their tax withholding.

USDA seeking applicants for Wetland Restoration Program

Landowners who would like to restore former wetlands on their property are encouraged to contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA is accepting applications for a program that provides financial assistance for restoring wetlands and purchases permanent or long-term easements on land that is enrolled.

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Landowners who enroll land in the program receive financial assistance of up to 100 percent of the cost of restoring land that was once wetland habitat back to its previous condition. Program participants also have the option of selling a permanent or 30-year easement of the restored wetlands to the USDA.

Applications for WRP are accepted on a continuous basis by NRCS and applications received by Feb. 2 will be considered for funding in 2011. Applicants seeking to enroll land in 2011 should contact their local USDA Service Center as soon as possible to begin the application process.

Restoring wetlands has many benefits for Michigan residents. Wetlands improve water quality by filtering

nutrients from runoff water, reduce flooding by storing water from storms and snow melt, help recharge underground aquifers and provide valuable habitat for a wide variety of wildlife.

Landowners who choose to enroll their land in a permanent easement can receive 100 percent of the cost for restoring their land to wetland habitat. The program pays 75 percent of the cost for restoring wetland habitat for land enrolled in 30-year easements or for land restored without an easement.

Landowners are paid a fixed price for enrolling land with a permanent easement which is based on the market price of farmland in their region of the state. Participants who enroll land in 30-year easements receive 75 percent of the rate paid for permanent easements.

Participants who sell permanent or long-term easements on land they enroll in WRP are allowed to use their land for recreation and other defined uses. They also retain the right to control access to their property.

For more information about WRP contact their local USDA Service Center or visit the NRCS-Michigan Web site at www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov.

Seats still available in KCC classes in Grayling

Current or prospective college students in Crawford County and the surrounding areas still have a chance to take one or more classes closer to home during the upcoming 2011 winter semester, with Kirtland Community College holding seven different courses at a new site in Grayling.

Kirtland will be offering classes at the AuSable River Park/Nature Center at 100 S. James St. in Grayling, the former site of the public library, as part of the AuSable Artisan Village initiative.

"We're working very hard to make sure people know about the Grayling location and what will be offered, so they can take advantage of having college courses offered in their hometown," said Kathy Marsh, KCC dean of instruction. "And, high school students could also take these classes as dual enrollment students, allowing them to get a head start on their college careers."

Courses at the Grayling site for the 2010 winter semester will include:

English 100 - Writing Lab, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursdays;

English 103 - English Composition I, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays;

Computer Information Systems 105 - Intro to

Computers, 6 to 9 p.m., Mondays;

Math 073 - Basic Algebra, 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays and Wednesdays;

Math 074 - Basic Algebra Lab, 9 to 10 a.m., Mondays;

Accounting 125 - Accounting with

Quickbooks, noon to 2 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays; and

Business 101 - Intro to Business, 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays (hybrid).

Classes in Grayling will be limited to 20 students per section. College officials report that, after early registration in November, most of the sections are about half full.

Registration for the winter 2011 semester for all four Kirtland locations - the main campus near Roscommon and the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord, as well as the Grayling and West Branch sites - is slated for 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 5-6, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7. The winter semester officially begins on Saturday, Jan. 8.

When registering, all classes to be held in Grayling will have a "G" immediately after the course number to designate the location.

One-day snowmobile safety school offered

Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield will offer a complimentary one day Snowmobile Safety School on Saturday, Jan. 15.

The school will be held at the Grayling Fire Department, 1041 City Blvd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for participants who are at least 12 years of age.

Upon successful completion of the school, participants will receive a Michigan Snowmobile Safety School Certificate.

A lunch break will be held and it is suggested that all participants bring a bag lunch and a drink.

The class is limited to the first 40 participants, and they must register by calling Theresa Andrews at the

Sheriff's office, at 989-344-3214, between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you are not registered prior to Jan. 14, you will not be admitted into the class.

Library News

Story Hour is held every Wednesday at the Devereaux Memorial Library at 11:15 a.m. This is an interactive program filled with stories, crafts and a snack and is designed for kids 0-5 and their caregivers. For more information, contact Connie at 989-348-9214.

Interested in writing? Adults can join the "Write On!" club at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 5 p.m. Be creative and share support with other adults who wish to increase their productivity through exercises and readings. For more information, call Jane at 989-348-9214.

"Sit n' Knit" will meet on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Library. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome.

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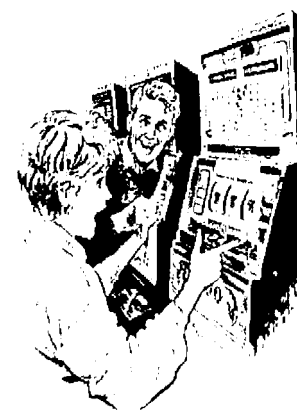
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The Bible Speaks

Being Pleasant, Patient, & Prayerful

In Romans 12:9-11 we studied how living by God's love makes us more honest, humble, and helpful. Now in Romans 12:12 God's love is made manifest in us by making us more pleasant, patient, and prayerful. "12Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer."

First, we are, "Rejoicing in hope..." Because of the pleasant nature of our future blessings in Christ Jesus, we are rejoicing. Faith in the promises of God's Word gives us the confident expectation of hope. Christ told us in Luke 10:20 to "...rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven. Our names are in Heaven, our Savior is in Heaven and He has promised to take us to be with Him forever. Therefore we can, "4Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." (Phil. 4:4). 1 Corinthians 13:6 reminds us to rejoice in God's truth. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 tells us to, "Rejoice evermore." Paul reminded the Colossians that we rejoice even in sufferings and afflictions for Christ's sake. "24Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake,

which is the church." Peter also tells us in 1 Peter 4:13 we should rejoice when we suffer for Christ: "13But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

Second, we are, "...Patient in tribulation..." Not only do we rejoice in hope, but we remain patient even in tribulation. "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." (Rom. 8:25). Speaking of God's love, the word translated tribulation here is translated "endureth in 1 Corinthians 13:7: "7Beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." The same word is translated endure in James 5:11: "11Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." Romans 5:3 reminds us that our patience increases under tribulation: "3And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience."

Third, we are, "...continuing instant in prayer." The Greek word translated "continuing instant" in this verse is translated "continued sted-

fastly" in Acts 2:42 referring to the first century disciples: "42And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 commands us to, "17Pray without ceasing." God miraculously delivered Peter from prison because the early church prayed: "5Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." In Acts 6:4 leaders of the early church said, "4But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Jesus spoke a parable in Luke 18:1-9 on the importance of prayer: "1And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Yet, Christ raised the question if there would be faith in prayer when He returns? "7But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." (1 Peter 4:7). God's love at work in our lives will cause us to grow more and more pleasant, patient, and prayerful. Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Obituaries

Nancy A. Bitner

Nancy A. Bitner, 48, died Sunday, December 12, 2010, at the Provincial Regional Medical Center in Everett, Wash.

She was born on July 29, 1962, in Pine Bluff, Ark. to Robert M. and Joan M. (Schoenborn) Bitner.

As a small child, the family moved to Grayling, Michigan. She graduated from Grayling High School in 1980, after spending her junior year as an exchange student in Japan. Following graduation, she attended college for one year, and then returned to Midland, to begin working in the food industry. She moved to Tampa, Fla. in 1986, where she remained until 2007, when she moved to Everett, Wash.

She loved to read, especially historical novels, put together jigsaw puzzles, crochet, hike and especially enjoyed researching her family's genealogy.

She is survived by her mother, Joan M. Bitner of Grayling; father, Robert M. (Carol) Bitner of Midland; brother, Timothy J. of Phoenix, Ariz.; sister, Jean E. (Duane) LaClair of Sturgis; step-sister, Danielle Costner of Tampa, Fla.; her long time companion, Gene Swihart of Everett, Wash.; and her beloved cat, Mischief. She is also survived by niece, Monica; great-nieces, Rozalynne and Jasmine; great-nephew, Craig; step-niece, Christina; and a step nephew.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held in Michigan at a later date (989-687-6337 for information).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Nancy Bitner (www.rmhc.org).

J. Norman Wilson

Jack was born on December 13, 1921 in Flagler, Colo., to Arlie and Helen Wilson.

The family moved to Alpena, in the early 1930s and he was a graduate of Alpena High School.

At the start of WWII, he joined the Army Air Corp. and he served as a weather man in India and Burma. Following the war, he returned to the Alpena area and he spent a season sailing the Great Lakes as a clerk.

In 1948, he married June Marie Shiba and the couple moved to Grayling in 1951. He and his father, Arlie opened the Black and White Grocery in that year they remained in the grocery business until 1975.

Jack remained a resident of the area until his recent death.

He passed away in his sleep on December 21, 2010, at Hilltop Manor.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, June.

He is survived by his four children: Douglas, John Howard, Mary Ruth and Patti Jo.

At the time of this death, he had 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for the immediate family is planned.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Devereaux Memorial Public Library.

Jessie McBurney

Jessie Mae McBurney, 82, of Frederic, passed away on Saturday, December 25, 2010.

A private family memorial service will be held in South Carolina.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 77 complaints the week of Dec. 20 - Dec. 26.


Sixteen general non-criminal complaints, one structure fire, one trees-grass-brush-fire, three false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglaries/home invasions, two burglaries-forced entry-residences, three larcenies, two fraudulent activities, one damage to property, one marijuana-sell, six public peace disorderly complaints, one health and safety report, one invasion of privacy/wiretap, one conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, 14 traffic accidents, one parking violations, one hazardous condition, one accident-all other, three family troubles-domestic, seven suspicious situations and six driving violations/driving while license suspended.

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Card of Thanks

4 Mile Welding would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the first responders and the Grayling firefighters who arrived so quickly to the fire. The amount of kind thoughts and support we have received from the community has been overwhelming. Thank you as well to all the customers who have called and offered support and help. We are doing our best to start anew. The building is gone, but we will find a temporary location to put 4 Mile Welding back in business as soon as possible.

Church Directory

Christian Science Society 209 First St. - Suite 103 - Grayling (989) 732-7001 Sunday Service 10:40 am April through October 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm	 Community of Christ North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd. • Grayling First Baptist Church of Frederic Pastor: Dale Hammond Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Evening Worship 6 pm Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm	Calvary Baptist Church Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220 Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm Prayer & Awana Club Wed. 7 pm
Michigan Memorial United Methodist Church Pastor: Dr. William A. Gargo 400 Michigan Ave. • (989) 348-2974 www.michiganmemorial.org - Barrier Free Traditional Service 9 am Sunday School (preschool-12th grade) 11 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Modern Service 11 am (Children Available)	Seventh Day Adventist Pastor: Bela Kohor (989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at Camp Available off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance) Saturday Church Service 9:30 am Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm	Church of Christ Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8 7:30 am Sunday Classes 10 am Sunday Worship 11 am Sunday Evening 6 pm (In Search of the Lord's Way) 6 pm Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) 6 pm
Lovells Community Chapel (Bible based and non-denominational) Pastor: Larry Hankins 8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovells (989) 348-2701 Sunday School, youth & adults 9:30 am Morning Worship 11 am Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm	Unity Church of Today North Minister: Terry Dickinson Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study available at third@freeway.net Luzerne Baptist Pastor: James Durtice • 2247 Durtice Lane Sunday School 10 am Sunday Morning Worship 11 am Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm	Abundant Life Tabernacle Pastor: Uyle Stouder 211 Shellenbarger St. • (989) 348-5325 Sunday School 10 am Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm Wednesday Evening 7 pm
Grayling Free Methodist Pastor: Rick Secord 6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093 Early Service 8:30 am Sunday School 10 am Morning Service 11 am Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7 pm	Church Alive! Pastor: Robert D. Klug • (989) 348-1278 501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling Sunday School 10 am Sunday Morning Worship 11 am Wednesday Evening Service Worship & Prayer 7 pm (can transportation available) URL: http://birminghambaptisttabernacle.com Pastor: pastor@birminghambaptisttabernacle.com	Grayling Baptist Church Affiliated with S.B.C. Pastor: Fred Sedler • (765) 543-7988 705 Madison St., Grayling • (989) 915-2755 Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Evening Service 6 pm Wednesday Service 7 pm
Emma Lowery United Church of Christ 3474 West Park Road, Luzerne Sunday Worship 11 am Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am	Community of Christ Pastor: Ann Doy • North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd. • (989) 348-9751 Church School 9:45 am Preaching 11 am Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm	Bear Lake Christian Pastor: Scott Hofter M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd. (231) 258-6107 Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm Sunday School 9 am Bible Study (Wed.) 6:30 pm Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 5:30 pm
Heritage Baptist Pastor: Ernie Wagner • (989) 348-5558 heritagebaptist.grayling.org 1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1.5 mile west of I-75) Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Afternoon Worship 12:45 pm Wednesday 7 pm	St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community Pastor: Rev. James Boares Associate Pastor: Peter Lick Parish Office: 707 Spruce (989) 348-7657 Sunday Evening Masses 4:30 pm Sunday Masses 10 am	Church Alive Church of God Pastor: David Barker 506 North Birch St., Kalkaska (231) 258-3418 Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm Family Training Hour & Prayer (Wednesday) 7 pm
Grayling Assembly of God Pastor: Gary Wojdan 701 S. I-75 Business Loop Parsonage (989) 348-7466 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Evening Service 6 pm Family Night Adult Youth Children Wed. 7 pm	St. Francis Episcopal Reverend: Elizabeth Chace M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850 Morning Prayer Line Fri 8:30 am Eucharist (Wed.) 8:30 am Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am	St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WELS) Pastor: Adam Seelow The Roscommon Community Center, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI 48653 Phone number (989) 275-3070 Sunday 9 am
Westminster-By-The-Lake East of Royal MacMillan Conference Center Worship with non-a beautiful on-site chapel (989) 821-9474 Sunday Worship 11 am	Resurrection Life Center Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann Mail: 2640 West M-72 Grayling, MI 49738 reslife.center.com • Phone: (989) 348-1000 Sunday Service 10:30 am Midweek Services (Wed.) 7 pm E-mail: reslifetellows@hotma.com	Frederic Worship Center 6464 Old U.S. 27 Frederic Pastor: Gary Thompson (989) 422-3464 • (989) 348-5712 Sunday Service 11 am
St. John Lutheran (ELCA) 710 Spruce Street • (989) 348-5224 Sunday School 9:15 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am	Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS) 905 S. I-75 Bus. Loop (at junction of M-93 & Old 27) (989) 348-5921 Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints President: David Stephenson 600 North Elm Street, Grayling Sacrament 10 am Sunday School 11 am Primary 11 am Priesthood Noon Relief Society Noon
	Grayling Evangelical Free Church Pastor: Dave Schultz 552 South I-75 Business Loop (Across from the army airfield) Phone: 989-390-6716 pastordave@graylingefreechurch.org Sunday Service 10 am www.graylingefreechurch.org	

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"B" Average

Honor Roll

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Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad has served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Monday, Jan. 3 - Lunch-chicken sandwich, winter blend vegetables, baked beans and an orange. Dinner - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, Prince Charles vegetable blend and apricots. 10 a.m. quilting and Pokeno, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 1 p.m. Bridge, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 - Lunch - spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, sliced carrots and peaches. Dinner - pork roast, boiled potatoes, Brussels sprouts and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. Bible study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m.

Euchre, 3 p.m. Hilltop Manor Cardo, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Jan. 5 - Lunch - fried chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans and pears. Dinner - roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, applesauce and cherry crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league and Wii Bowling.

Thursday, Jan. 6 - Lunch - Italian sausage, green pepper and onions, baked potato, Italian blend, grapes and brownies. Dinner - chicken, tenders, roasted potatoes, corn and watermelon. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. NARFE meeting, 1 p.m. UNO Attack and Pokeno.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for Jan. 6 - 11 will be as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Jan. 6-

11. Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Births

Amanda L. and Mark A. Hopkins, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Grace, born at Mercy Hospital on December 22, 2010, at 2:56 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 11.5 ozs., and measuring 18 inches in length.

Michelle Gardiner and Anthony Eison, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Ayden Lee, born at Mercy Hospital on December 22, 2010, at 4:04 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 2.2 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 26 of \$25 each: Jim Brown, Patti Sims, Bernie Makite and Cassie

Cambel Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Dec. 24 was Darlene Olszewski.

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to Goodales Bakery and to Linda Goodale for helping with the C.O.O.R. kids Christmas party sponsored by the Michigan Fireman's Memorial Festival Committee. Linda went out of her way to make sure each child could decorate

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Fire destroys welding business

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling welding shop was totally destroyed by a fire last week.

The fire started at 4 Mile Welding, located at 5422 W. 4 Mile Road, around 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Lon Gauthier, who has owned 4 Mile Welding for six years, was repairing a leak on a heat exchanger for an old snowmobile. He had just finished working on another snowmobile when the fire ignited.

"They caught on fire in a flash while I was still welding," Gauthier said.

Gauthier and apprentice Bill Chase were able to escape the building unharmed.

Gauthier went back into the burning workshop three times.

First, he grabbed keys for his truck so he could move it away from the burning building. Then, Gauthier removed a computer and money stored in a cash drawer. Finally, Gauthier rushed back in an attempt to move gas tanks containing flammable fuel

away from the fire so they would not explode.

"At that point, the fire was too much and I couldn't get near them," he said.

Fortunately, safety mechanisms on the gas tanks melted away, allowing the gas to escape and burn.

"It effectively turns them into big blow torches and they go until there is no gas left in them," Gauthier said.

The building was a total loss and Gauthier has been inventorying the contents of the building to help insurance adjusters calculate final damages.

Gauthier credited Grayling Fire Department firefighters, who live near the business, for getting to the scene quickly after witnessing the fire.

"I couldn't believe how fast they got here," he said. "I'm sure that helped expedite the process, but I was already on the phone with 911 and getting people on the way."

The Beaver Creek Township Fire Department assisted Grayling firefighters at the scene. The blaze was extinguished around 8 p.m.

Gauthier is considering two possibilities, where he can operate his business, while he rebuilds.

Gauthier said he's looking for better times in 2011.

"I'm sure the New Year will be better than the end of this one," he said.



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River Country Motor Lodge selected as Spotlight-a Member

Audrey Fouch, owner of River Country Motor Lodge, received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for December.

River Country Motor Lodge, located at 257 I-75 BL, Grayling, was purchased by Fouch in 1989.

"It was in bad shape," said Fouch. "Over the next year, me and my husband redid all of the rooms and then he became ill so everything was on me. He passed away five years ago. I now have some good help which makes it a lot easier."

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Cinemax, telephone, kitchenettes (in some rooms); microwaves and refrigerators in rooms; non-smoking rooms available; fire pit; horseshoe pit; play area for little ones; picnic area for barbequing; heated garage for snowmobile use; one bedroom cabin available," she said.

"All of our rooms are different so it feels like your own home. We have plenty of parking for snowmobiles and ATVs. We are conveniently located next to the trails," said Fouch.

River Country Motor Lodge has been a member of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce for 15 years.

The 2010 Ralph Sperry Award recipient announced

Once a year, the C.O.O.R. Board of Education and R.O.O.C., Inc. present the Ralph Sperry award. This memorial award is given to an individual or group in recognition of their contributions to assist people with disabilities to overcome barriers and to participate fully in their communities. The 2010 Ralph Sperry Award recipient is Barbara Eva.

In 1972 Eva began her teaching career as a teacher of the visually impaired for the Grand Rapids Public Schools. In 1973 she began working for COOR as a teacher-consultant for the visually impaired until she transferred to the Houghton Lake Community schools in 1977. While there, she worked in special education

at both Prudenville Elementary and Collins Elementary and also taught a third grade class. After retiring in 2008, she returned to COOR as a teacher-consultant for the Visually Impaired.

Eva and her husband Mike became involved with Special Olympics in 1975 and together they have been coordinating Area 4 Special Olympics since 1977. She is also active with the Zonta Club of the Roscommon county area. Her 33 years spent fundraising, coaching, and scheduling events, as well as spent teaching and advocating has been a major influence in the lives of many people with disabilities in our community.

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Christmas at the Rialto boosts holiday spirit



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"Christmas at the Rialto," hosted by the AuSable Artisan Village, was a successful holiday event with about 150 people in attendance. Above, all musical acts for the concert joined together for a finale and performed "Silent Night." Below, George Stancil, the third generation owner of the historic Rialto Theatre, was the surprise guest and performed a song called "Perhaps Love."



Military News

Brian Harder of St. Helen, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Grayling, Michigan Army National Guard, was promoted on Sept. 22 to the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Harder, a electronic maintenance chief, has been a member of the National Guard for 10 years. Prior to his guard service, Harder served in the Navy for 12 years. He attended basic training for the Navy in 1982, at Great Lakes Naval

Training Center. Harder also graduated from Vanderbilt High School in 1982.

Harder is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2006 and also 2009-2010.

In civilian life, Harder works for MATES in Grayling as a electronic mechanic.

Sergeant First Class Harder, also has three children, Brittany, Brian, and Ashley Harder.

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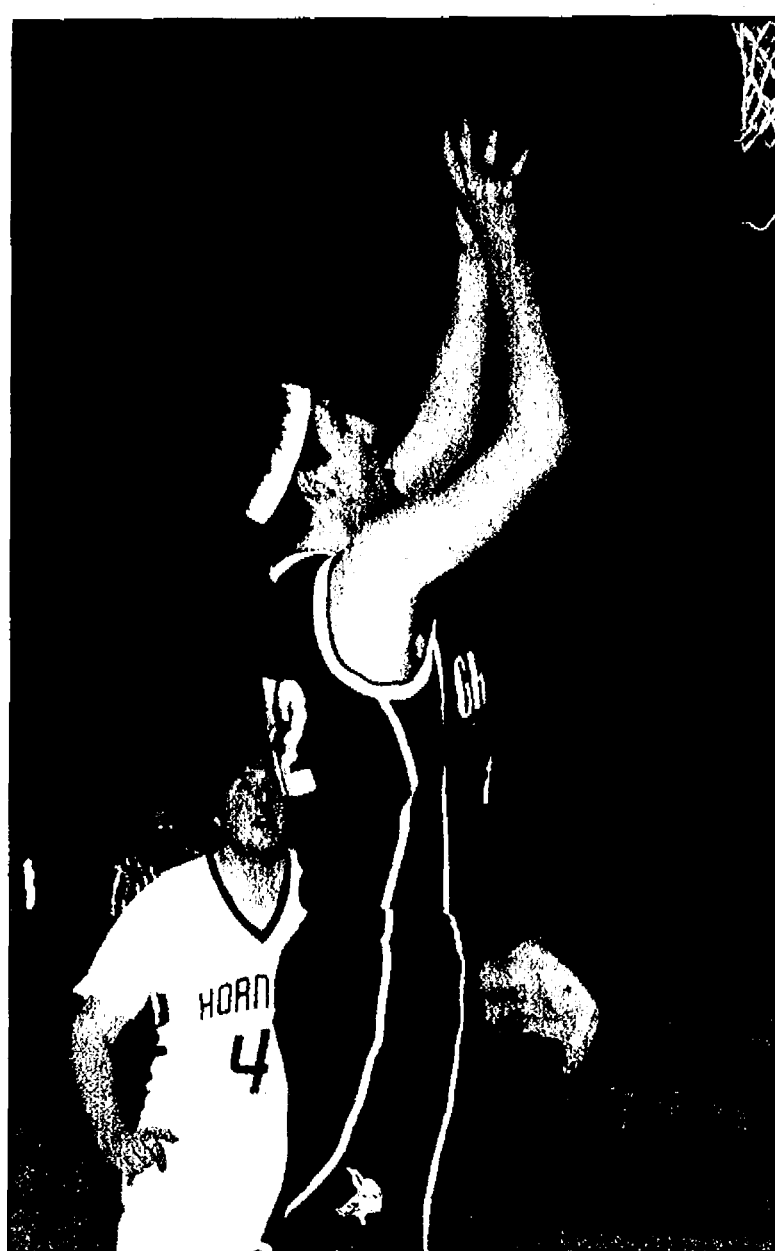
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Griffin Dean takes an inside shot for the Vikings at Harrison.



Steven Enos drives to the basket for Grayling on Tuesday night.

Vikings outscore Hornets 75-29 in last 3 periods, win by 40

After slow start, GHS pours in 33 in 2nd quarter

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball squad continued its early season trend of slow start, strong finish on Tuesday at Harrison, outscoring the Hornets 75-29 in the final three quarters of an 88-48 victory.

The Vikings outscored East Jordan 56-29 in the last

three quarters of a 72-44 league win on Dec. 17. Grayling trailed early in its season opener at Rosecommon, a contest Grayling eventually won 80-42. The Vikings defeated Benzie Central by six, 78-72, after trailing in that game as well.

The Hornets led 19-13 after one quarter on Tuesday night. The Vikings scored their 13 with one free throw by forward Ryan Teeple, a free throw by center Griffin Dean, a put-back by Dean, a three-pointer by guard Zane Tobin, a fast break lay-up by guard Riley Zigila, a drive by forward Steven Enos, and a lay-up by Enos.

Grayling scored the first three points of the second quarter with one free throw by guard Scott Parkinson and a lay-up by Tobin. Harrison hit two free throws at the 7:13 mark. The Vikings scored nine unanswered points to lead 27-21. The series included an inside shot by Dean, two free throws by Enos, a reverse lay-up by Zigila, a drive by Enos, another lay-up by Zigila, and a free throw by Enos.

Harrison hit two free throws. Dean hit one free throw for GHS. Parkinson stole the ball and scored a lay-up. The Hornets scored two on a jump shot. The Vikings scored six un-

answered points with an inside shot by Parkinson, a lay-up by Zigila, and two free throws by Enos. Harrison hit an inside shot. Enos scored an inside shot for the Vikings. The Hornets hit a jump shot.

Grayling posted an 8-0 to end the half. Guard Devon Dawson converted a jumper. Enos made two lay-ups, and Zigila hit a jump shot in the final seconds.

The Vikings outscored Harrison 33-10 in the second period and led 46-29 at halftime.

Grayling scored 18 points in the third quarter to Harrison's 13. The Vikings scored their 18 with three-pointers by Tobin and Enos, an inside shot by Dean, a lay-up by Enos, a lay-up by Parkinson, and free throws by Enos, Dean, and Tobin.

The Vikings led 64-42 going into the fourth quarter.

Grayling outscored the Hornets 24-6 in the last eight minutes of play. Dean scored on a put-back. Zigila hit a lay-up following a steal. Zigila hit another lay-up at the 5:52 mark. Dean scored two on an inside shot. Tom Burrell fouled on an inside shot, made the basket and the free throw for a three-point play. Tobin made a lay-up. Burrell scored on a put-back. Parkinson converted a three-

point play. Forward Jeff Enos, one of several JV players with the varsity squad for the nonconference game at Harrison, scored on a put-back. Teeple hit an inside shot. Parkinson scored on an inside shot, the last basket of the game.

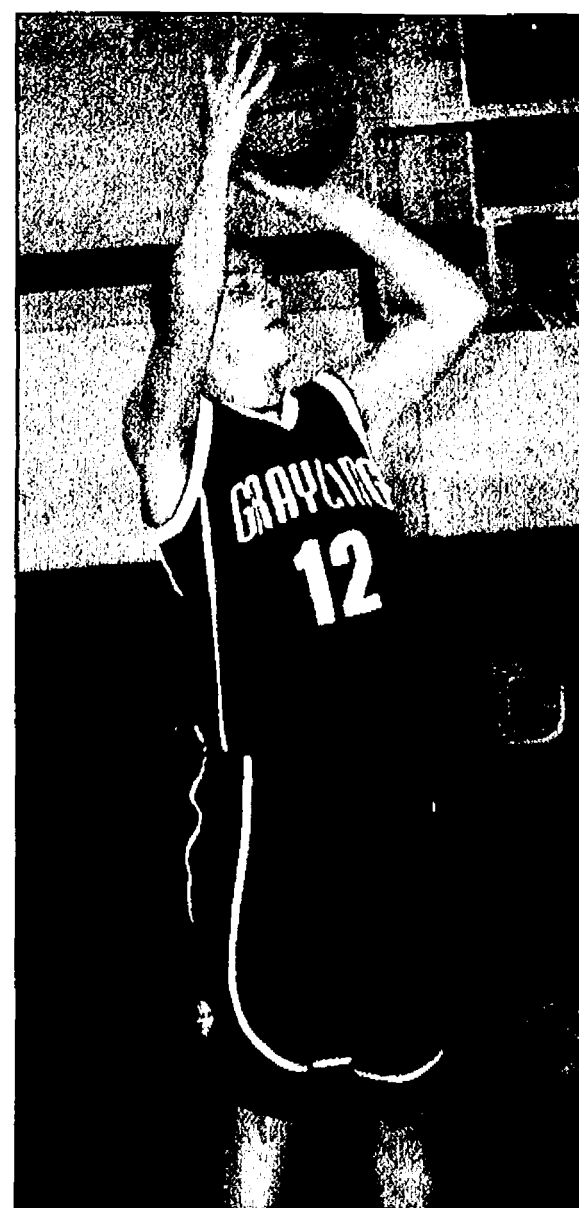
Grayling won by 40, 88-48.

Enos posted a double-double with 24 points, 12 steals, and eight assists. Dean, with 14 points and a team-high 12 rebounds, also posted a double-double. Zigila finished with 14 points and nine steals. Tobin had 12 points and four assists. Parkinson finished with 12 points.

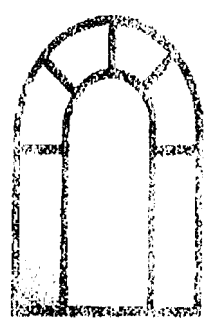
"We had a number of kids contribute at both ends of the court tonight. I was pleased with the fact that we forced Harrison into 43 turnovers with our defensive pressure. I also liked the way we shared the ball on offense. We need to become a balanced team offensively," Coach Rich Moffit said.

After the holiday break, the Vikings (4-0 overall, 1-0 league) will host Houghton Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

"We have a number of things to work on over Christmas break. We are going downstate and scrimmaging vs. some Class A schools and that should help us improve," Coach Moffit said.



Tom Burrell, left, and Zane Tobin, right, shoot the ball for Grayling on Tuesday at Harrison.



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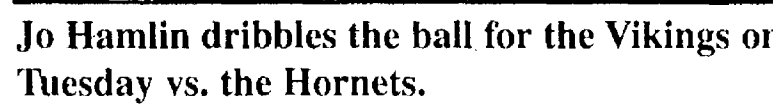
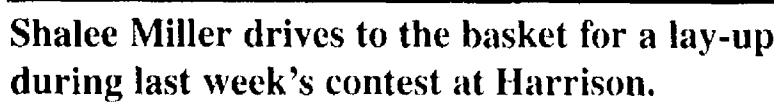
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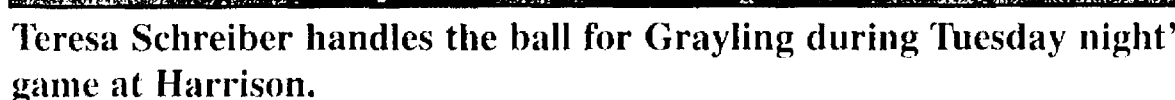


The Grayling Vikings moved to 3-2 overall with a 66-26 victory vs. the Harrison Hornets in a non-conference varsity girls basketball contest played at Harrison last Tuesday.

Grayling led by 22 at halftime, 39-17. The Vikings had a 54-26 advantage after three periods. Grayling outscored the Hornets 12-0 in the final eight minutes to win by 40.

Guard Teresa Schreiber finished with 18 points for Grayling. Center Abbey Thomas had 15 points and guard Jo Hamlin scored 13 points.

The Vikings (3-2 overall, 1-0 league) will host Houghton Lake at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4.



A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a person's face, heavily shadowed and textured, possibly a close-up of a person with long hair or a mask. The image is grainy and has a stark, almost abstract quality due to the extreme contrast between light and shadow.

Grayling High School's boys basketball program will raise money for the American Cancer Society by auctioning off a ball autographed by Detroit Pistons players from the "Bad Boys" era of the early 1990s. The ball, donated by Mike Shearer (pictured), will be sold during a silent auction at the boys basketball squad's upcoming alumni game, slated for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, at Grayling High School.

Recreation League

Snap Fitness	6 - 2
Glen's Market	6 - 2
Robin Smith CPA.	4 - 4
Days Inn	4 - 4
Dance till you drop	4 - 4
Woody Girls	3 - 5
Grayling Nurs.	3 - 5
American Legion	2 - 6
High Series: P. Younglove, 535	
D. Mead, 493; N. Glaslee, 487	
High Game: P. Younglove, 190; D.	
Mead, 188; P. D'Amour, 183.	

American Men's League

Thayers Crew	31 - 2
Fenton's Auto	20 - 6
Joels Team.	27 - 3
Moore's Auto	23 - 5
IMM	37 - 1
Man Cave	26 - 4

McLean's Ace 19 - 7
High Series: L. Ostrowski, 592; R. Swope, 587; T. Kotrash, 579. High Game: L. Ostrowski, 227; R. Swope, 226; J. Thayer, 225.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

AJD 5 - 2
Heads Up North 5 - 2
Spikes 5 - 2
Legion 4 - 2
Fearsome Four 3 - 4
Tahiti Tans 2 - 5
Bloomquist 2 - 5
Gray Rock 2 - 5
High Series: Men: L. Ostrowski, 603; N. Mead, 564; R. Strodpaul, 537. High Series Women: M. Bond, 501; T. Raybold, 484; J. Dent, 444. High Game Women: M. Bond, 501; T. Raybold, 178; S. Mead, 165. High Game Men: N.

Mead, 231; L. Ostrowski, 226.

Senior League

Dana Transport. 45 - 19

Spike's. 35.5 - 28.5

Flowers By Josie 35 - 29

Legion Lanes 35 - 29

Gaylord Electric 34 - 30

Lone Pine 25 - 39

Sylvester's 24 - 40

Bear's Den. 22.5 - 41.5

High Series Women: M. Rysso, 487; C. Clark, 464; N. Glassee, 464. High Game Women: M. Rysso, 196; P. Kennedy, 178; H. Stairs, 175. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 626; K. Harris, 539; J. Campbell, 526. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 234; H. Ingram, 201; J. Campbell, 196.

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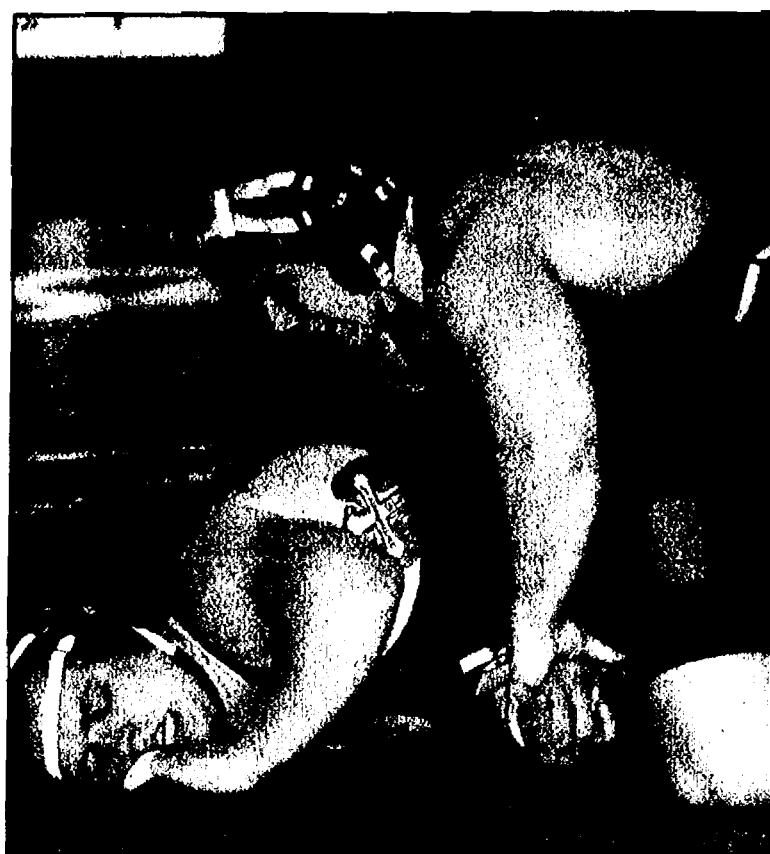
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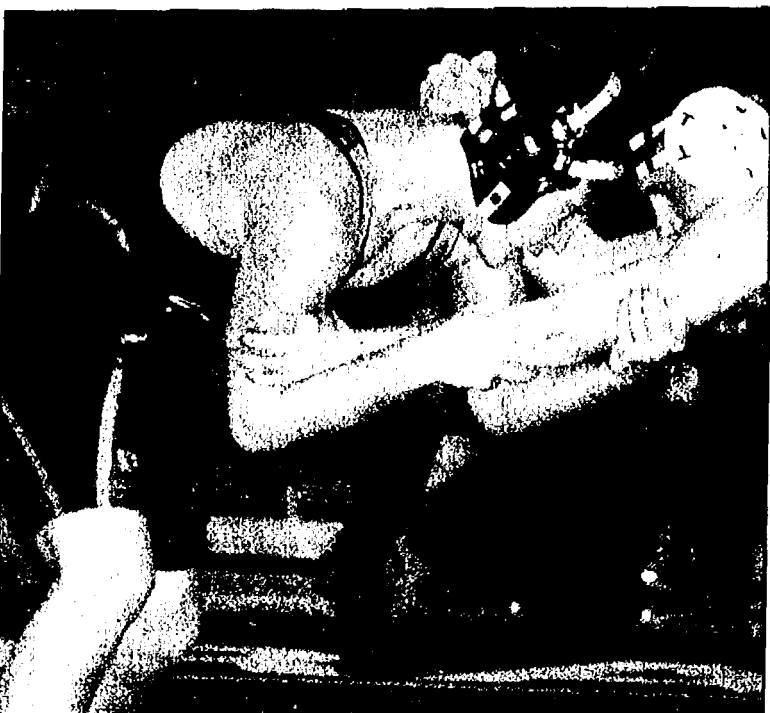
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Ryan Randall (215) wrestles against an opponent from Whittemore-Prescott.



Paul Ferris (145) battles a Whittemore wrestler on Wednesday.



Ty Jensen (160) grapples with his Kingsley counterpart on Wednesday night.



Rob Ryan (189) wrestles for Grayling vs. Kingsley.

Wrestlers win one, lose one in first home meet

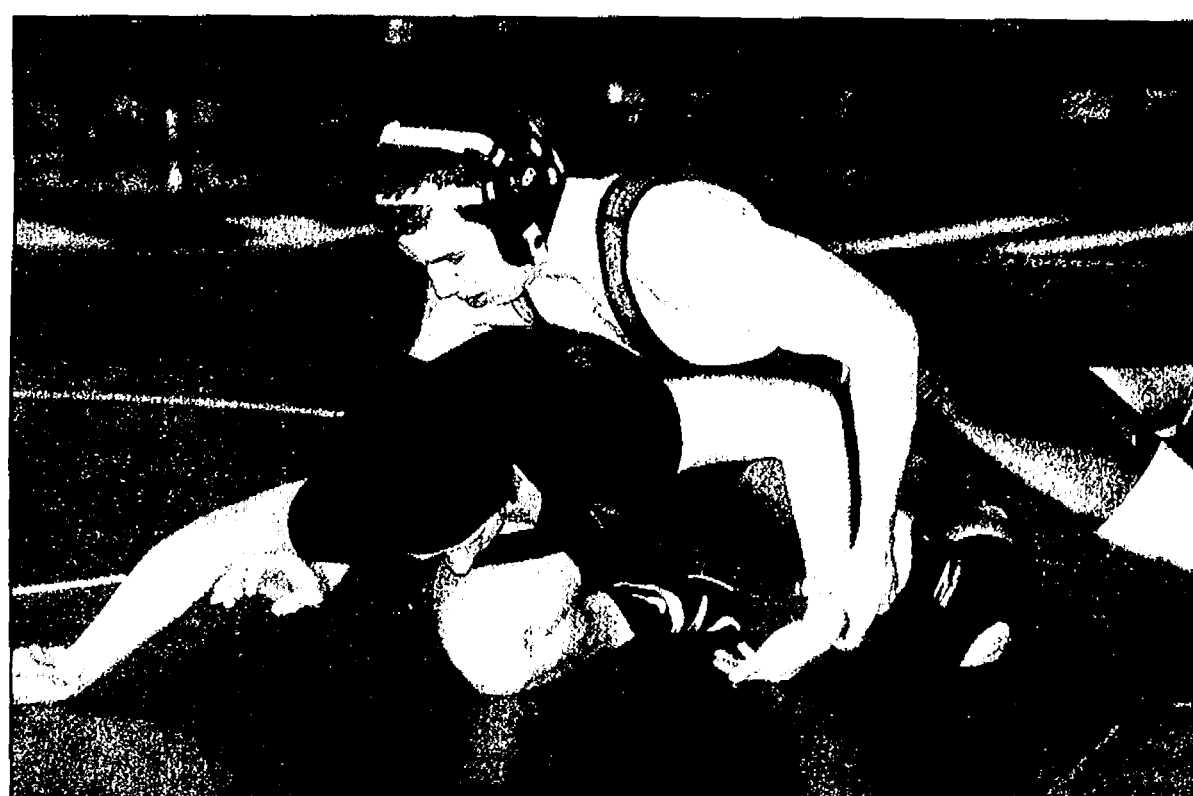
by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

In the squad's first of three regular season home wrestling meets, the Grayling Vikings posted a win vs. Whittemore-Prescott and a loss vs. Kingsley on Wednesday night.

Grayling won by a final score of 63-18 vs. Whittemore-Prescott, winning seven of nine contested matches.

Whittemore won the first weight class - 135 - by pin to lead 6-0. Joe White (140) won by pin in the first round for Grayling. Paul Ferris (145) pinned his Whittemore opponent in the second round.

Whittemore-Prescott forfeited the next four weight classes, giving wins to Josh Handrich (152), Ty Jensen (160), Jeff Myers (171), and Rob Ryan (189). GHS led 36-6.



Cody Elmy (125) battles an opponent from Whittemore-Prescott during last week's home meet.

Ryan Randall (215) scored a pin in the second round. Grayling forfeited the heavyweight division.

Ghayge Toomey (103) pinned his Whittemore counterpart in the first round. Anthony Morse, at 112, scored a second round pin. Whittemore won by pin at 119. Cody Elmy won at 125 with a first round pin. In the last bout of the series, Olivia Peters (130) won 5-4 in a match that came down to the final second.

The Grayling vs. Kingsley series was close all the way through.

White (140) won 12-5 in the first bout. Kingsley won by pin at 145. Handrich (152) pinned his Kingsley opponent in the second round. Kingsley won a 9-3 decision at 160.

Myers (171), Ryan (189), and Randall (215) pinned their opponents in the first round, giving Grayling a 27-10 lead. The Vikings forfeited the heavyweight division.

Kingsley won by decision at 103 in overtime. The Stags scored pins at 112 and 119. Kingsley led 31-27 with three weight classes to go.

Elmy (125) pinned his opponent in the first round to give the Vikings a 33-31 edge.

The Stags scored a pin in



Anthony Morse (112) wrestles against Whittemore-Prescott on Wednesday.



Olivia Peters (135) wrestles in the team's final bout of the night vs. Kingsley.

the first round at 130, giving Kingsley a 37-33 lead with one weight class left - 135. Peters, wrestling one weight class above her usual 130, lost an 11-3 decision.

Kingsley won 41-33.

The Vikings (1-1 league) will host Elk Rapids and Manton at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6.

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JV Vikings able to maintain lead in 29-25 win vs. Hornets

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball squad maintained a slim lead throughout Monday's home game vs. the Harrison Hornets and finished with a four-point win, 29-25.

Grayling outscored Harrison 8-4 in the first eight minutes. The Vikings scored their eight points with an inside shot by center Maddie Benardo, a jump shot by guard Alyssa Morley, a drive by forward Hannah Haven, and an inside shot by guard Meagan Malm.

The two teams combined for only eight points – four each – in the second quarter. Morley hit a jump shot for Grayling and Malm and guard Tara Pummell each hit one free throw. The Vikings led 12-8 at halftime.

Guard Stanna Dorn hit a jump shot for Grayling to start the second half. Harrison scored two with a lay-up. Dorn hit one of two free throws. A jump shot by Haven gave Grayling its biggest lead of the game, 17-10.

Harrison scored six unanswered points with two drives and two free throws,

cutting Grayling's advantage to one, 17-16. Morley converted two free throw attempts in the final minute and Grayling led 19-16 going into the fourth quarter.

Haven hit one of two at the free-throw line. A three-pointer by Morley put Grayling's lead back at seven, 23-16. Harrison scored the next three points to pull within four. Morley hit a jump shot for GHS at the 5:46 mark. Harrison scored three with a jump shot and one free throw. Pummell hit a jumper at the 4:17 mark. One free throw

by Malm gave Grayling a 28-22 lead.

At the 1:33 mark, the Hornets hit two of two at the free-throw line, pulling within four.

Neither team scored in the fourth quarter's final 1:32 and Grayling won by four, 29-25.

Morley finished with 11 points for Grayling. Haven scored five, Malm five, Dorn three, Pummell three, and Benardo two.

The JV team (3-2 overall, 0-1 league) will host Houghton Lake on Monday, Jan. 3, at 6 p.m.



Tara Pummell, left, and Stanna Dorn, right, handle the ball for the JV Vikings vs. Harrison on Monday night.



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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 26, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A Parcel of land located in the NorthEast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of section 34, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan being further described as: Beginning at the South 1/4 corner of said section 34, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, thence North 0 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line 334.20 feet for a poing of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 333.75 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 656.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 41 minutes 59 seconds West (Recorded as 00 degrees 40 minutes 30 seconds West) a distance of 333.50 feet, thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East (recorded as South 89 degrees 42 minutes East 655.50 feet) a distance of 655.90 feet to the point of beginning.

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And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 12th day of January, A.D., 2011, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

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TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1: THENCE N01°01'41"E. 33.04 FEET; THENCE N87°49'00"W ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF FRIER TUCK LANE. 314.79 FEET; THENCE N06°45'50" W ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF LITTLE JOHN AVENUE. 1770.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N06°46'00"W ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF LITTLE JOHN AVENUE. 300.00 FEET THENCE: N83°14'18"E PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 82 OF SHERWOOD FOREST NO. 2 250.06 FEET; THENCE S06°46'00"E PARALLEL TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF LITTLE JOHN AVENUE 300.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 82; THENCE S83°14'18"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 82, 250.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Dated: December 9, 2010

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which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$217,814.65) including interest 8.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on January 26, 2011

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Assignee of Mortgage
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 12, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 33, Red Wing Terrace, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records, Township of Grayling Crawford County Michigan.

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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in the following Mortgages given to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture:

1. Mortgage given by Michael Barr and Pamela Barr, husband and wife, dated December 27, 1993 and recorded on December 27, 1993 in Liber 370 on pages 537 to 540 of the Crawford County Records; said Mortgage was subsequently assumed by Denise K. Ward; and

2. Mortgage given by Denise K. Ward, dated March 9, 1998 and recorded on March 13, 1998 in Liber 449 on pages 34 to 39 of the Crawford County Records (collectively referred to as the "Mortgages").

No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgages which is now Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Eight and 21/100 (\$77,698.21) Dollars.

The Mortgages will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgages, including interest at the rate of 5.625% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgages as:

Lots 25, 26 and 27, Block 1, of KAREN WOODS SUBDIVISION, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Dated: December 30, 2010
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, FKA THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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JV boys start strong, win 58-12 vs. visiting Harrison

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team outscored the visiting Harrison Hornets 26-6 in the first quarter of a nonconference contest that Grayling eventually won by 46 points, 58-12, on Monday night.

The Vikings scored 10 unanswered points to start the first quarter. The series included a jump shot by forward Justice Junttila, a lay-up by guard Mason Krey, two lay-ups by guard Tyler

McClanahan, and a drive by forward Wes Dean.

Harrison scored its first points with two free throws at the 4:20 mark. Center Jacob Robinson hit an inside shot for GHS.

Grayling outscored Harrison 10-0 between the 2:30 and 1:00 marks. The series included three-pointers by guard Jacob Cochrane and Junttila, an inside shot by Dean, and a lay-up by guard Austin Wilson.

The Vikings led 26-6 after the first eight minutes of play.

Grayling outscored Harrison 17-2 in the second period. The Vikings scored their 17 with an inside shot by Robinson, free throws by McClanahan and Dean, a lay-up by Dean, an inside shot by forward Nico Held, and a lay-up by forward David Somero.

Grayling extended its advantage past 40 points in the third quarter, putting the running clock mercy rule into effect. The Vikings outscored the Hornets 12-2 in the period. Grayling's 12 points came from an inside shot by center

Louis Menard, a reverse lay-up by center Levi Korneli, a lay-up by Junttila, and inside shots by Wilson, Held, and Korneli.

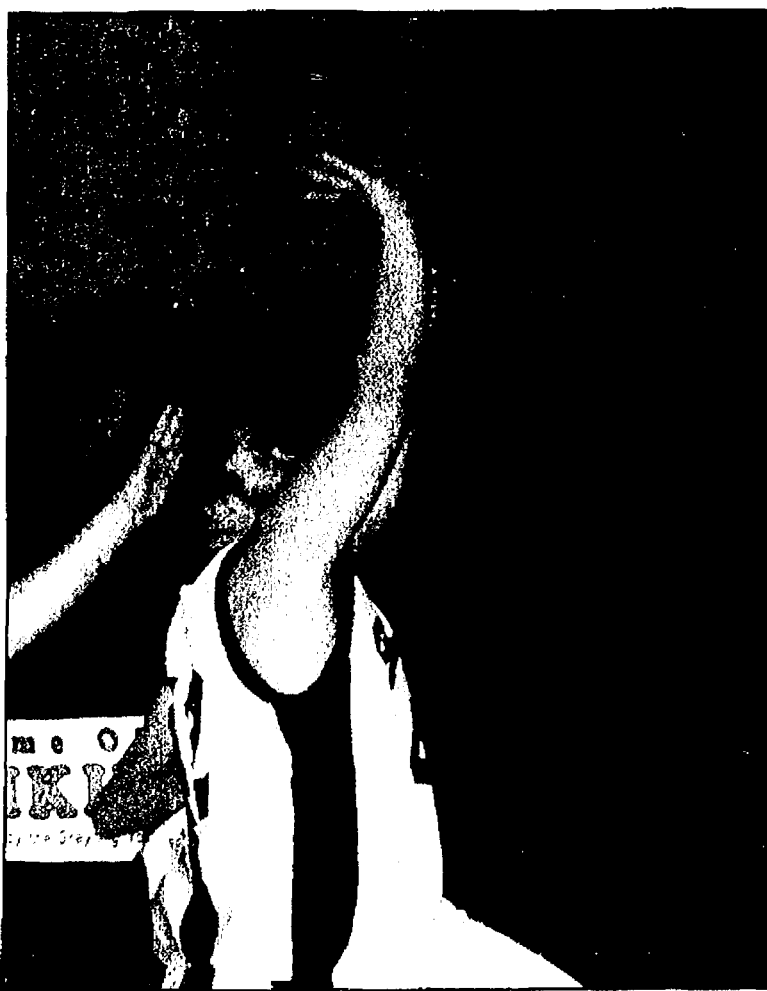
The teams combined for only five points in the fourth period, with Grayling's three coming on a triple by Held. The Vikings won 58-12.

"This was a good win for the team morale. Austin Wilson, Nico Held, and David Somero were scoring machines. The freshman Tyler McClanahan did an outstanding job running the offense

from the point guard position," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Dean finished with nine points and four rebounds. Held finished with seven points and four rebounds. Junttila and Wilson scored seven points apiece. Robinson had six points. McClanahan had five points and three assists. Cochrane scored five points.

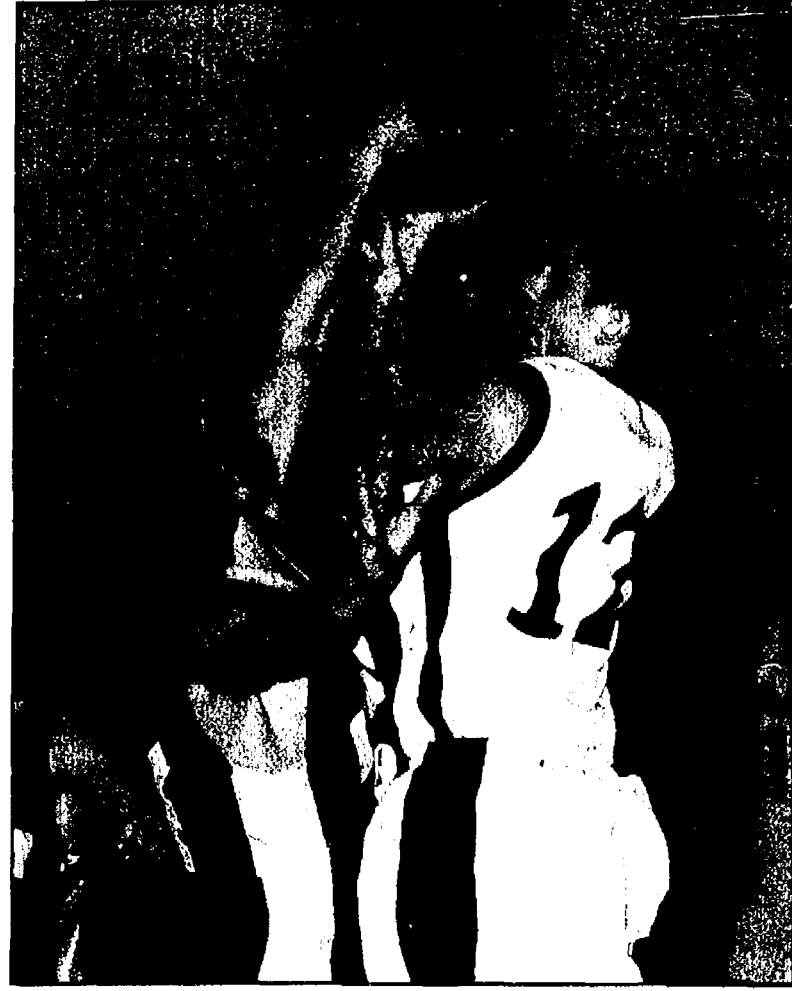
The Vikings (4-0 overall, 1-0 league) will host Houghton Lake on Monday, Jan. 3.



David Somero shoots a lay-up for GHS vs. Harrison on Monday night.



Justice Junttila sets up for a shot during last week's game against the Hornets.



Jacob Cochrane shoots the ball for Grayling vs. Harrison.

Legal Action

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark R. Clebaca, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2005, and recorded on October 4, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 783, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$50,504.67), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2011. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Easterly 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, being a piece of land 60 feet wide by 120 feet long, fronting 60 feet on Ingham Street and extending across the entire width of said Lots 1 and 2 in Block 3; and the Southerly 10 feet of Lot 3 of Block 3, being a piece of land 10 feet wide and 120 feet long, fronting 10 feet on Chestnut Street, all in Block 3 of O.M. Barnes Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, Page 5, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2010
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE

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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Marjean G. Helsel to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated September 1, 2000 and was recorded on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516 on pages 633 to 638 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen and 70/100 (\$83,313.70) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on January 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 7.375% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

Lot 5, Block 28, of ROFFEES ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale unless a notice is

received pursuant to MCL 600.3241a(1)(C) in which case the redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale.

Dated: December 9, 2010

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL

DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, F/K/A THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karen M. Wright, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated April 19, 2005, and recorded on April 25, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 116, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five and 88/100 Dollars (\$85,755.88), including interest at 9.98% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning 240 feet North of the Southwest corner

of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence East 433 feet, thence North 100 feet, thence West 433 feet, thence South 100 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2010
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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas E. Dominic and Carol A. Dominic, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2005, and recorded on March 29, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 387, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Aurora Loan Services, LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Eight and 01/100 Dollars (\$86,838.01), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on February 2, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 33, Town 28 North, Range 2 West, Lovells Township, Crawford County Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 30, 2010
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NOTICE

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUR HOME TO: Jason Torok and Athena Torok 6604 Manistee Street Frederic, MI 49733 County: Crawford State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_search/), telephone (866) 946-7432, TTY# 1-800-382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: December 30, 2010 Orlans Associates PC Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 293,0791 ASAP# 3862821 12/30/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna M. Gossett and Kevin A. Gossett wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage North, Mortgagee, dated October 27, 2003, and recorded on October 29, 2003 in Liber 657 on Page 62, and modified by agreement dated August 12, 2008, and recorded on February 18, 2009 in Liber 694 on Page 639, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight and 62/100 Dollars (\$51,868.62), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 26, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel E: Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 4, Town 25 North Range 3 West, thence South 1 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds West along the East Section line 331.00 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 1 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds West 415.47 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 36 seconds West 1318.38 feet; thence North 1 degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds East along the East 1/8 line 410.36 feet; thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 18 seconds East 1318.79 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 23, 2010
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A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago December 31, 1987

For the second year in a row, Grayling High School's Spanish Department brought home three of the eight trophies awarded for outstanding performances at Saginaw Valley State College's Foreign Language Day.

A grant of \$1,000 from the Michigan Department of Education will be used to help reduce the number of adult illiterates in Crawford County. According to Phyllis Brummer, a literacy tutor and Elizabeth Jackson, of the Crawford AuSable School Adult Extended Learning Center, some of the money will be used to hold a two-day training course for volunteer tutors.

1987 was a year in which the Grayling Promotional Association sponsored many functions to feature the special seasons and to attract people to the downtown area. It was also a year that saw the abandonment of the position of the Chamber of Commerce director, but also one that found the chamber board in a more favorable financial position. It had "on tap" some interesting projects to promote the county. Some developments that made the '87 headlines

were in February, Camp Grayling began winter training as new procedures promise to see an annual increase in the number of troops during the snow season. In April, two energy producing companies vie for building a plant on Four Mile Road that will produce electricity to be sold to Consumers Power Company. In June, The Outpost, a souvenir shop, opened on Norway Street. A Go-Kart Track and Bumper Boat Pond opened in July. In December, the new MATES \$6.6 million facility on North Down River Road was formally dedicated, the Grayling Holiday Inn received international recognition for its outstanding employee Christmas Party and Aunt Betty's Diner opened on West M-72. Once the popular Jack's Diner.

Residents at Mercy Manor were the fortunate recipients of a \$200 donation from the Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465. The gift was used to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents at Mercy Manor.

46 Years Ago December 31, 1964

Only one new county officer will take office in Crawford County come

January 1, 1965. He is Emil L. Kraus who will become the new Crawford County Judge of Probate.

Statistics compiled on the play thus far in the Northern Class C Conference by loop officials reveal that the Grayling Vikings are the stingiest team, giving up but 208 points in games with four opponents.

Mark Anderson of the University of Wyoming is home to visit his parents, the Batch Andersons for the holidays. He made the trip driving straight through in 23 hours.

Mrs. Henry Stephan, Janet and Zoe are moving to town after the holidays, having rented the Jerry McClain apartment in Ingham Street.

Miss Pat Hunter organized a group of 28 young people to sing Christmas carols Dec. 22. They were driven about town in her father's truck, her brother, Larry was at the wheel dressed as Santa Claus.

Glen's Market has peppermint stick ice cream 59¢ for 1/2 gallon, peeled and deveined shrimp \$2.39 per 1/2 pound, T-bone steak 99¢ a pound and cucumbers are two for 15¢.

Christmas Day guests at the Ed Feldhauser home included the Ted Baynham, the Larry Baynham and

family, the Jack Feldhauser family, Edward H. Ritter of Oregon, the Dick Megills, Red Harrington, Oscar Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams and baby Karen.

69 Years Ago January 1, 1942

The rationing of tires and tubes under federal regulations to conserve the nation's limited supply of crude rubber takes effect in Michigan January 5. On and after that date, no tires may be sold except by official authorization.

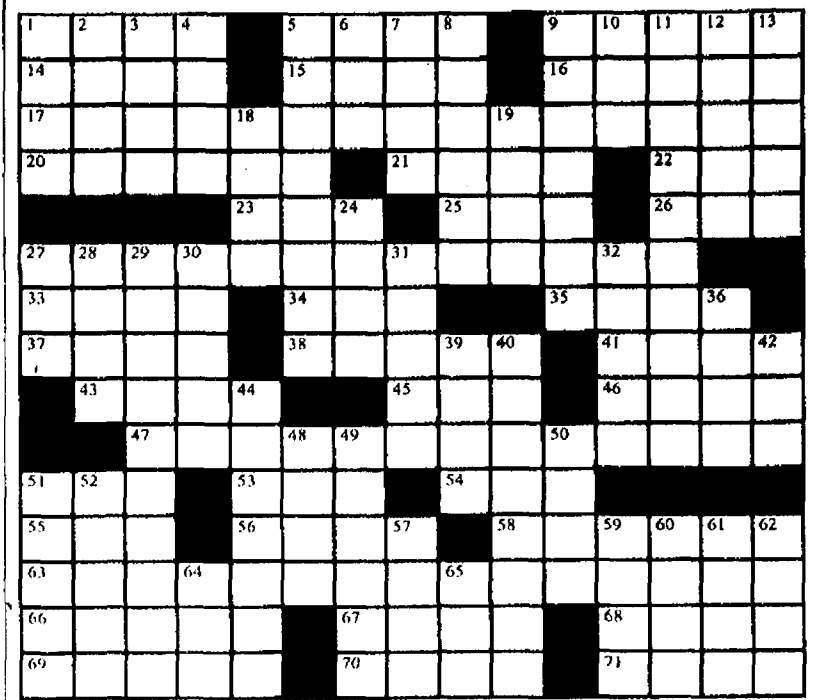
President C.R. Keyport closed a busy Kiwanis year, when his mantle as president was figuratively turned over to U'Harley Russell, his duly elected successor.

92 Years Ago January 2, 1919

Carl Peterson has moved his family from Hastings and they are residing in the Chris Olson house, recently owned by and occupied by the George Olson family.

Esbern Hanson will take over the management of R. Hanson & Sons mill to relieve his father, Rasmus Hanson, who has been acting in that capacity since the retirement of T.W. Hanson in October.

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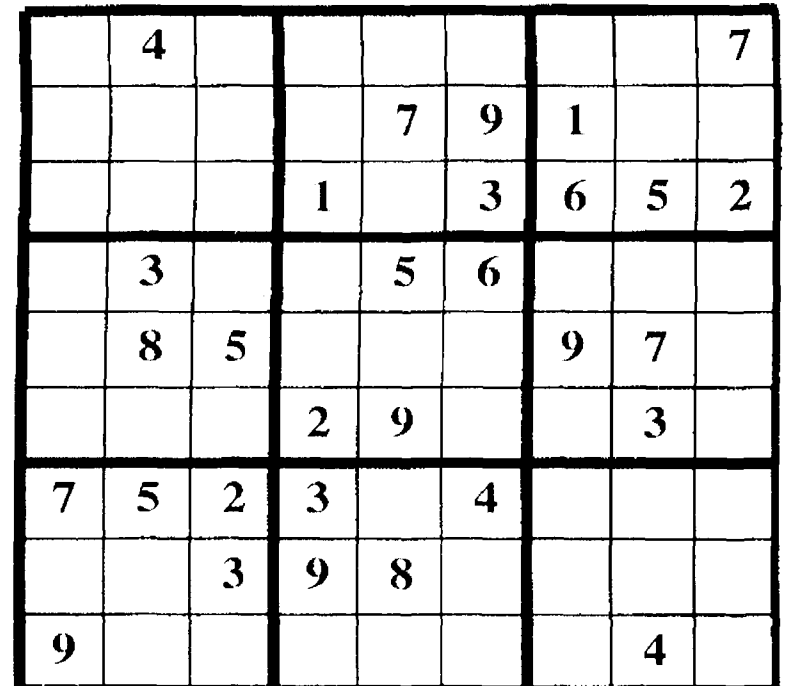
1. Reprimand, with "out"
5. Tablet
9. Not domesticated
14. Bounce back, in a way
15. Man devoted to a life of pleasure
16. Past
17. Place for money
20. Class of organic compounds
21. Nasal mucus
22. cross
23. " to Billie Joe"
25. " bad!"
26. Clairvoyance, e.g.
27. Showing off
33. Gift tag word
34. Ring bearer, maybe
35. "Buenos"
37. Western Samoan cupronickel
38. Grammar topic
41. Mouth, in slang
43. Eastern discipline
45. el Amarna, Egypt
46. Almond
47. Term of advisement
51. Fed. construction overseer
53. P.I., e.g.
54. lab
55. Rumanian coin
56. Furnace output
58. Type of ape
63. Poor conduct on the field
66. Banana oil, e.g.
67. "B.C." cartoonist
68. "Ah, me!"
69. Affirmatives
70. European language
71. Former native rulers of Tunisia

Down

1. Call's companion
2. Advil target
3. Put an edge on
4. Bananas
5. Kneeling bench for prayer
6. Carbonium, e.g.
7. Big galoots
8. Shack
9. Sidebar item
10. "I" problem
11. Soldiers' long march
12. Former monetary units of India
13. Abate
18. Door feature
19. Masked critter
24. Flight data, briefly
27. Lizard, old-style
28. Inside shot?
29. Total devastations
30. Adult insect
31. About to explode
32. Positions
36. Garment worn by Hindu women
39. Neuter
40. Protract
42. Nipper
44. Creates
48. At no time, poetically
49. Excoriate
50. Drops from the sky
51. Sticky
52. Taste, e.g.
57. Boris Godunov, for one
59. Give away
60. Digestion aid
61. "Comme ci, comme ca"
62. 1987 Costner role
64. Dee River
65. " Doubtfire"

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(PUZZLE #2 Easy, Difficulty Rating 0.34)
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

December 30, 2010



December 22-
January 19

Time is in short supply these days, but that is about to change. Capricorn. Projects will wrap up as others jump onboard. A proposal requires further review.



March 21-
April 19

Fun is on tap. Go for it, Aries. You deserve some time to play. Financial goals are within reach. Give it your all. A new friend needs some sage advice.



June 22-
July 22

Your patience is tested this week with the arrival of unexpected guests. Breathe deeply. Cancer. Haste does not make waste at work. Pick up the pace.



September 23-
October 22

A new face enters your inner circle and inspires you to reach out to others. All is not lost on a home improvement project. Give it one more try. Libra.



January 20-
February 18

Chatter creeps into your life. Get a grip, Aquarius, before it gets a grip on you. A foe turned friend invites you on the trip of a lifetime. Don't say no.



April 20-
May 20

Project plans require major revision. Look to an old chum for help. Taurus. A last-ditch effort to draw up support for an idea works.



July 23-
August 22

Change is in store, Leo, but you need not make a fuss. Step back and let nature take its course. Travel plans get off without a hitch. Get ready to pack.



October 23-
November 21

Rough times are over, Scorpio, and you can relax. Do something fun to rejuvenate. A blast from the past rolls into town with a stunning surprise.



February 19-
March 20

A friend accomplishes an amazing feat. Give them the praise they deserve. Soon it will be your turn, Pisces. A freak encounter brings an issue out into the open.



May 21-
June 21

You're in over your head, Gemini. Admit it and accept the help of the more experienced. Romance sizzles at home, and you receive a special surprise.



August 23-
September 22

Determination is key to securing a tenuous deal. Move forward with purpose and don't take no for an answer. Virgo. It is yours for the taking.



November 22-
December 21

Cracks begin to form in a relationship. Work to repair the damage quickly. Sagittarius. A financial snafu comes to a quick conclusion.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

PRAIRIELAND POT ROAST

Ingredients:

- 1 (6-7lb) pork crown roast (8 lb.)
- 3/4 tsp. salt, divided
- 3/4 tsp. black pepper, divided
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 3-1/2 cups apple juice, divided
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 pkg. (16 oz. each) stuffing mix for pork
- 2 Gala apples, chopped
- 3/4 cup chopped Pecans, toasted
- 3 Tbsp. flour
- 3 Tbsp. savory honey mustard
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

Directions:

HEAT oven to 350°F.
SEASON meat with 1/2 tsp. each salt and pepper. Place on rack in shallow pan. Bake 2 to 2-1/2 hours or until internal temperature reaches 150°F. Let stand 10 min. (Temperature will rise to 160°F.)
MEANWHILE, bring water, 1-1/2 cups apple juice, raisins and butter to boil in large saucepan. Stir in stuffing mixes, apples and nuts; cover. Remove from heat. Let stand 5 min. Fluff with fork; spoon into center of roast. Cover to keep warm.
REMOVE 2 Tbsp. pan drippings; place in medium saucepan. Whisk in flour and mustard; cook on medium heat 1 min., stirring constantly. Stir in remaining apple juice, salt and pepper; cook and stir 3 min. or until mixture comes to boil and thickens. Stir in parsley.
CUT meat into 1-rib portions. Serve with stuffing and apple gravy.

Prep Time: 20 min
Total Time: 2hrs 40min
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Last Week			Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Rain Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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12/23	32	17	0.02						
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12/25	23	10	0						
12/26	23	5	0						
12/27	28	6	0						

High 37, Low 31, Snow Showers
High 39, Low 32, Showers
High 34, Low 20, Rain/Snow Showers
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High 25, Low 19, Partly Cloudy
High 27, Low 19, Mostly Sunny

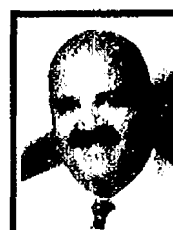
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1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/t/1)

FRAMED-IN 3 BEDROOM 1 bath chalet with well and septic ready for you to finish. Located in Lakes of the North, a planned community with numerous amenities just 15 minutes from Gaylord in the heart of snowmobile country. \$49,900. Call Chris at 989-348-2495 (11/4/10/t/1)

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 GRAYLING, MI 49738

Minimum Bid: \$34,633.00
 (Or best offer above minimum bid)
OFFER MUST BE IN FORM OF CERTIFIED CHECK THE DAY OF THE SALE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.
 3BR, 2BA, 1 Story, w/2car detached garage.

DATE & TIME OF SALE:
 JANUARY 19, 2011 at 10:00 am

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY
 808 Maple
 Grayling, MI 49738

FOR INFO CONTACT:
 800-349-5097 x4500
 Or
 USDA Rural Development
 1501 Cass St.
 Traverse City, MI 49684

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2. For Rent

VERY NICE CLEAN two bedroom duplex, totally remodeled. Laundry hookup, gas, storage, lawn care, no smoking. \$500. 8114 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (-11/25/10/t/2)

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 month plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-9-16-23-30/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007/t/2)

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM/1 BATH mobile home. Pet friendly. 989-348-1303. (-23-30/2)

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ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT on the AuSable in town. \$380 per month, plus utilities. Call 231-675-1619, 231-599-2895. (-11/4/10/t/2)

ARE YOU WORKING in the area? Do you need housing by the month or by the week? Call North Country Lodge - We have kitchenettes. 989-348-8471. (-23-30-6-13/2)

APARTMENT TO RENT large 1 bedroom unit in the city. Ample storage with sun porch. \$475 per month, includes electric, water/sewer and garbage pickup. First and last months rent to occupy. Nonsmokers please. References required. Call 989-348-4006 to view. (-16-23-30/2)

Grayling Pines Apartments

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Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

2. For Rent

EFFICIENCY CABIN ONE BEDROOM \$400 per month, \$400 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets. 989-348-5124. (-30/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT - Frederic area. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1,400 sq ft, 1 car garage on 10 acres. \$550 per month plus security deposit. Must have references. 989-348-2088. (-23-30/2)

FOR RENT ONE BEDROOM Apartment in town \$485 per month includes heat and water. References and security deposit required. 989-619-9689. (-30/2)

FOR RENT SMALL, COMFORTABLE, all electric, one bedroom home, fully furnished. One-half mile from city, attached garage, no children, small pet OK. Great for single person. Plowing and mowing included. 12 month rental agreement. \$500 per month. 989-390-3071 or 989-390-1705. (-12/16/10/t/2)

201 FULTON ST. One bedroom apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, individual storage in basement with washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking only. In a smoke free building, no pets. \$485 per month, \$475 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call 989-350-4050. (-12/16/10/t/2)

2. For Rent

2 ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX apartments with garage and garage door opener. Totally remodeled including appliances and washer and dryer. Located within the city limits. 989-529-8765. (-16-23-30/2)

LARGE ONE BEDROOM HOUSE for rent in Grayling. 1 car garage, basement & large attic. Washer & dryer. No pets & non smokers. \$500/month + security. 989-745-3577. (-23-30/2)

1 BEDROOM all utilities paid. \$500 month, plus deposit. 989-348-2466. (-12/23/10/t/2)

DUPLEX FOR RENT 2055 Barker Lake Rd. 2 bedroom, 2 bath \$625 per month plus security deposit. No pets, utilities not included. 989-348-2621. (-12/30/10/t/2)

KITCHENETTES AVAILABLE by the week/month. 348-6649. No pets. (-30-6/2)

3. Employment

START OFF the new year with a new career. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School 888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-30-6-13-20-27-3-10-17-24/3)

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JOB POSTING

The County Clerk/Register of Deeds is looking to fill a position in the Register of Deeds department. Looking for a highly motivated, detail orientated person with preferable title/real estate/banking background. Resumes to be submitted by January 7, 2011 to:

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 County Clerk/Register
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 Grayling, MI 49738

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\$9.50	\$9.60	\$9.70	\$9.80	\$9.90	\$10.00	\$10.10

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3. Employment

DANA TRANSPORT a nationwide tank carrier, is hiring company drivers and owner operators to work out of the Grayling, MI location. OVR 7-10 days, 2 years over the road experience required. 989-348-4373. (-9-16-23-30/3)

NORTHERN STAR BROADCASTING is looking for future full and part time on air talent to work in the Grayling area. Responsibilities include creating and producing an entertaining, relevant and interactive on air show. Broadcast experience and computer knowledge is required. If your production is outstanding and you have a genuine Passion for radio broadcasting. Please send resume and demo to: Mary Reynolds, hr@nsbroad-casting.com. (-30-6/3)

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4. Services Offered

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JUST LIKE HOME DAY-CARE has immediate openings for children 18 months and up. Call Ashley 989-710-6274. (-16-23-30/4)

ROOFTOP SNOW REMOVAL prompt service, affordable rates. Licensed and insured. 989-205-6928. (-16-23-30-6/4)

4. Services Offered

D. HAWES/Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08/t/4)

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4. Services Offered

GAMBLING PROBLEMS? Call Grace Center for help. 989-348-2544. (-6/10/10/t/4)

LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09/t/4)

ACCEPTING SNOWPLOW-ING JOBS for 2010-2011 season. Business or residential. Call for free estimates. LBJ Water Works. 989-344-8076. (-9-23/10/t/4)

5. For Sale

FOR SALE SNOWSKI EQUIPMENT Apache skis - 163 size & Marker bindings, Scott ski poles, Dalbello boots, size 11. For more information, call 989-390-4290. (-12/30/10/t/5)

FIREWOOD/SNOW REMOVAL! Premium oak 2 1/2 cord \$110. Split, seasoned, delivered. Roof, sidewalk shoveling. 989-915-1885. (-30/5)

4. Services Offered

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Criminal
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Contact your local attorneys

989-348-6141

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8 ft. oak logger cord 1/2 load \$700 Full load \$1,400

Stuckman Tree Service 989-732-5230

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6593 West M-72
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-4831

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3. Employment

Enlisted Club Manager

SALARY RANGE: \$500/week, 40 hour weeks
Open Period: 1-15 January 2011

Duty Locations: Camp Grayling, MI

JOB SUMMARY

The Camp Grayling NCO/EP Club is seeking a highly energetic service oriented individual to fill the position of NCO/EP Manager. Responsibilities may include, but not limited to: control of staff within your direct span of control, including the cook and wait staff, ensure customer requirements are satisfied, and to carry out duty management shifts as required. Also, to maintain an open and accurate channel of communication with the entire Management Team and NCO Club Board. Furthermore, to implement cost control and review all procedures relating to stock control, cash handling, purchasing, and stock and waste disposal.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest to:

CSM Michael A. Foy
Camp Grayling
Grayling, MI 49739
PH: 989-344-6279

Or email to michael.foy@ng.army.mil. Applicants are encouraged to submit a resume along with the letter of interest. All responses must be received or post marked by 01 February 2011 for consideration.

OTHER INFORMATION

Applicants will be subject to a law enforcement local files check.

Applicants will be required to provide references for employment.

Selectee WILL be subject to periodic screening by security personnel when entering Camp Grayling.

Early Holiday Deadlines:

Our office will be closed on

Friday, December 31st.

The Avalanche office will re-open

on Monday, January 3rd at 9am.

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